by the Integrated Steel Plants of Steel Authority of India Limited during first six months of the calendar year 1994 (January-June, 1994) has been 4.445 million tonnes.

(b) The value of exports and domestic sales of the Steel Authority of India Limited during the period January to June, 1994 is as follows:

Export	Rs. 240 crores (Approx.)
Domestic Sales	Rs. 6500 crores (Approx.)
TOTAL	Rs. 6740 crores (Approx.)

(c) The Foreign Exchange earned by Steel Authority of India Limited from exports during the period January to June, 1994 is Rs. 240 crores (Approx.) as against Rs. 250 crores (Approx.) during the corresponding period last year.

Setting up Steel Plant in Bihar

655. SHRI AAS MOHAMMAD : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to steate :

(a) whether any proposal to set up steel plant in Bihar has been pending for clearance for a long time ;

(b) if so, when the proposal was received ;

(c) the reasons for delay in giving clerance to it ; and

(d) the time by which the project is likely to be cleared ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (d) One proposal of M/s. Ashiana Alloys & Steels Ltd. for garnt of industrial licence for manufacture of Mild Steel Ingots & Steel Castings for an annual capacity of 13,500 Metric Tonnes at Digha Ghat, Patna, Bihar was received in June, 1994. The proposal has already been examined and an appropriate communication will be issued shortly to the applicant.

EURO issue of the Vizaga pattinam Steel Plant

656. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Vizagapattinam Steel Euro issue that has been floated to mobilise funds is losing Rs. one crore a day because the shares are not being sold according to specified time; and

(b) if so, the steps Government are taking to streamline the sale of the Euro issue in the international market ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Mechanical equipment for furnace at Bokaro Steel Plant

657. SHRI MD. SALIM : SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE :

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Metallurgical and Engineering Consultents India Limited (MECON) a PSU, has made an MOU with Binny Limited a private company in December, 1993, although Binny Limited is under Board of Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in spite of this, MECON is about to place an order worth about Rs. 15 crores to Binny Limited for supply of mechanical equipment for Furnace at Bokaro Steel Plant under the scope of MECON's supply;

(c) whether it is a fact that as per the MOU, MECON has to pay an advance of 10% of the order value against bank guarantee to Binny Limited; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Metallurgical & Engineering Consultants (India) Ltd. (MECON) has entered into an MOU with M/s. Binny Ltd., Madras, for manufacture and erection of certain mechanical equipment and technological structures. MECON has placed order on Binny Ltd., Madras worth Rs. 14,31,02,125/-.

(c) and (d) As per contract, the value of down payment is 5% of the contract to be paid by MECON to M/s. Binny Ltd., Madras.

Deficit in finished steel production

658. SHRI M.A. BABY :
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE :

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) what is the deficit in finished steel poduction *vis-a-vis* the demand in our country ;

(b) whether Government plan to make up the deficit in production; and

(c) whether Government propose to set up any new integrated steel plant in the country to offset deficit ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) As against the domestic production of 15.13 million tonnes of finished steel during 1993-94, the apparent consumption of finished steel in the country was 15.17 million tonnes. The demand of finished steel is expected to increase to 24.14 million tonnes (including 3.40 million tonnes for export) by 1996-97, while the availability from the existing units is projected at 20.17 million tonnes. There is no proposal to set up any new integrated steel plant in the public sector in the Eighth Five Year Plan. However, the projected demand-availability gap of 3.97 million tonnes by 1996-97 is expected to be met by new units being set up/ likely to be set up in the private sector.

Nehru Rozgar Yojana

659. SHRI M.A. BABY:
SHRI RAMACHANDRA PILLAI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Nehru Rozgar Yojana, launched in 1989 to provide one million jobs to unemployed people has achieved its target; and

(b) if so, the details of its achievement, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) State-wise details of achievements are given in the enclosed Statement.